RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RE: AMENDMENT TO THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OF THE CHARLESTOWN URBAN RENEWAL AREA PROJECT NO. MASS. R-55

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the Charlestown Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-55, was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on March 25, 1965, and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on June 7, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chapter 12 of said Plan entitled, "Amendment" provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be amended by the Boston Redevelopment Authority provided that "if the land use controls contained in the Urban Renewal Plan relating to a particular parcel or group of parcels...are amended, notice specifying the nature of the amendment and the property to be affected and including a statement that opportunity to be heard before the Authority will be afforded shall be sent fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting of the Boston Redevelopment Authority at which such amendment is to be considered, by mail, postage prepaid, to the owners and occupants of such parcel or parcels to be affected by such amendments and the owners and occupants of all property abutting such parcel or parcelsnot includin such property that is separated from the parcel or parcels in questio by a public street"; and

WHEREAS, Section 602 of Chapter 6 of the said Urban Renewal Plan entitled, "Land Use and Building Requirements" in that subsection of said Chapter 6 relating to Specific Site Requirements for Parcels R-la, R-lb, and R-lc, sets a height requirement that "Principal buildings shall be not more than 45 feet, nor less than 20 feet, in height;" and,

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Boston is the only owner/occupant of property abutting the affected parcels, other than the Boston Redevelopment Authority, has waived its right to fourteen (14) days notice and has no objection to the proposed amendment to said Plan hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

- 1. That Section 602 of Chapter 6 of the Urban Renewal Plan for the Charlestown Urban Renewal Area entitled, "Land Use and Building Requirements" in that subsection of said Chapter 6 relating to Specific Site Requirements for Parcels R-la, R-lb and R-lc, is hereby amended by changing the "Height" requirement as follows: "Principal buildings shall not be more than 45 feet, nor less than 10 feet, in height".
- 2. That all other provisions of said Plan not inconsistent herewith be and are continuing in full force and effect.
- 3. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon the concurrence herein of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ONE CITY HALL SQUARE BOSTON, MASS. 02201

JOHN D. WARNER Commissioner

April 8, 1969

Mr. Hale Champion, Director Boston Redevelopment Authority 1 City Hall Square Room 900 Boston, Massachusetts 02201

Dear Mr. Champion:

The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Boston has been informed that an amendment to the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan is to be considered at the April 10th meeting of the Board of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

The Parks and Recreation Department has been fully informed as to the nature of this amendment which proposes to change a certain land use control relating to Disposition Parcels R-lA, R-lB & R-lC by modifying the minimum height allowed for the principal buildings from 20 feet to  $10^{\circ}$  feet.

Although the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan, Section 1201, requires fourteen (14) days notice to be given to every abutter of the parcels to be affected indicating the nature of the amendment, the property to be affected and a statement of an opportunity to be heard before the Authority, the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Boston, owner of the William J. Barry Playground which abutts the abovecaptioned Disposition Parcels hereby waives its right to the fourteen (14) day notice of the above proposed amendment to the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan.

Furthermore, the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Boston wishes to be recorded as having no objection to this proposed amendment to the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan when it is considered by the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

Very truly yours,

John D. Warn Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM

APRIL 10, 1969

TO:

Boston Redevelopment Authority

FROM:

Hale Champion, Director

SUBJECT:

CHARLESTOWN URBAN RENEWAL AREA, MASS. R-55
Amendment to the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan

Land Use Controls

Disposition Parcels R-lA, R-lB & R-lC

SUMMARY:

This memo requests the Authority to amend the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan by changing the land use controls governing the minimum building height for Disposition Parcels R-lA, R-lB & R-lC

A change in the land use controls under the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan, governing the minimum building height for Disposition Parcels R-lA, R-lB, and R-lC, is necessary to permit the development of the Little Mystic Housing Project on these sites.

The change will reduce the minimum building height permitted under the Plan from twenty (20) feet to ten (10) feet on the three disposition parcels. All other land use controls of the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan, affecting these parcels, would remain in force.

Chapter 12 of the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan requires that the Authority, prior to considering any amendment at its meeting, notify every property owner and occupant of properties which abutt the affected parcels of the proposed change and of their right to be heard at the meeting of the Authority at which the proposed amendment is to be considered. Furthermore, the Plan requires that notice to abutting property owners be sent at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

The only owner/occupant of property abutting Disposition Parcels R-lA, R-lB & R-lC other than the Boston Redevelopment Authority is the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Boston. The Parks and Recreation Department, in the attached letter, states that it has been informed of the nature of the amendment, waives its right to fourteen (14) days notice and makes no objection to the proposed amendment.

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It is therefore recommended that the Authority adopt the attached resolution amending the Urban Renewal Plan for the Charlestown Urban Renewal Area by changing the minimum building height restriction for Disposition Parcels R-1A, R-1B & R-1C from 20 feet to 10 feet.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.

Attachments